Election Town Hall

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Roundtable Project Series Two: New Laws and Elections Administration

October 8, 2019 at Ability 360

Maricopa County Recorder's Office and Elections Department

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Welcome from Ability360

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Thank you to our host!

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ACDL is part of the nationwide Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system, which includes the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (**PAVA**) program.

- **Our Mission: ACDL** is a non-profit law firm that assists Arizonans with disabilities to promote and protect their legal rights to independence, justice, and equality.

- **Our Vision:** A society where people with disabilities enjoy full acceptance without barriers.

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The PAVA program is mandated to "ensure the full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places."

"People with disabilities have the same right to cast a private and independent ballot as their fellow Americans"

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Introduction to the Roundtables

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Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes

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I.   Presentation: Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes

II. Panel #1: Roundtable Project Community Leaders

III. Intermission

IV. Panel #2: Maricopa County Election Administrators

V.   Town Hall Wrap-up

Previously, it was unclear to voters how signatures were matched from their ballot to their voter registration if they were unable to make a mark.

This concern originated in the Roundtable Project discussions.
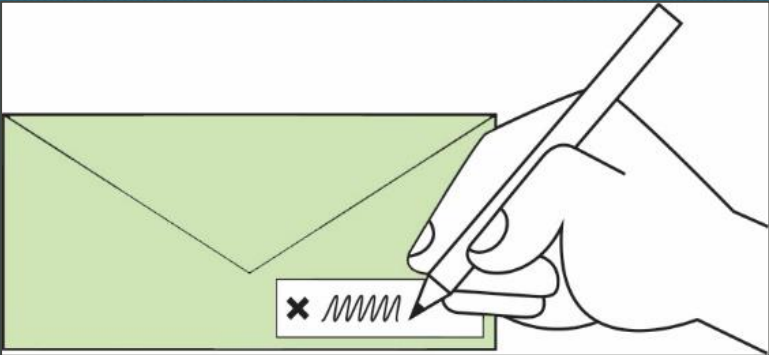
The new policy clarifies MCRO internal procedures on how we verify identity for these voters.

What are the Roundtables?

- Six Key Community Groups

- Opportunity for Community Feedback

- Topic Focused:
  - New Election Laws and Administration

- Download the Summary
  - Maricopa.Vote
    - → Community Outreach
      - → Town Hall

Roundtable Series 2: Overview

Agenda for each Roundtable:

I. Introduction from Host Group

II. Presentation from MCRO

III. Guided discussion

   A. Impact of New Laws

   B. Impact of New Administrative Structure

   C. Open discussion

IV. Wrap-up of Key Points

Topic Overview:

- New Election Laws
  - 54th State Legislature
  - Focused on Voter Impact
- Election Administration
  - Staffing
  - Technology
  - Structure

- *SB1054 - Early Ballots; Deficiencies; Cure Period*
- *SB1072 – Early Voting Centers; Identification Required*
- SB1090 - Emergency Voting Procedures; Board Action
- *SB1154 - Primary Date; First August Tuesday*
- SB1451 – Procedures; nomination petitions; registered circulators
- HB2039 – Elections; federal form; emergency voting
- HB2236 – County recorder; candidate petition

Not an exhaustive list of all new laws impacting elections and electors

- Ballot Tabulation can start 14 days before Election Day

- Allows voters to correct or confirm their inconsistent signature up to:
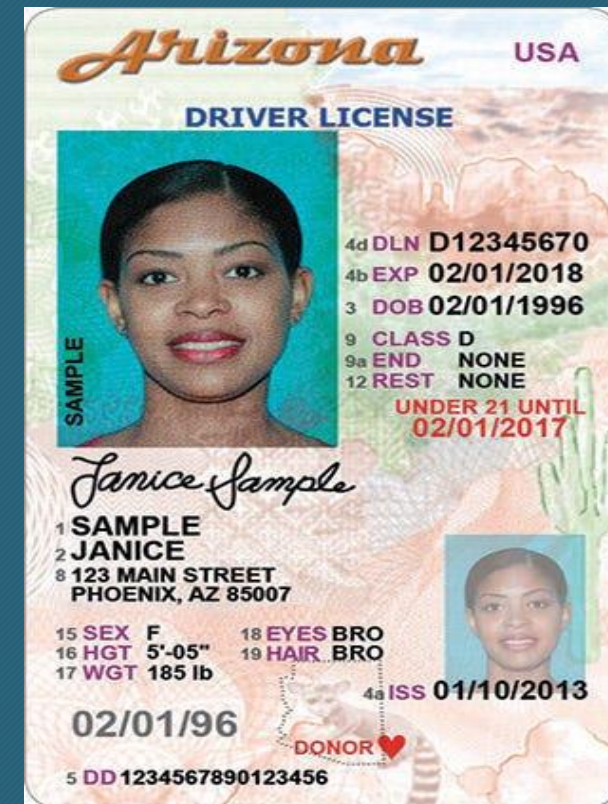 - 5 days after Federal Elections
  - 3 days after non-Federal Elections

- Requires Proof of ID at all in-person Early Voting Locations.

- In-person Early Voting ID requirements now match Election Day.

New Primary Election Date

- 1st Tuesday in August, starting 2020

- **August 4, 2020**

- Changes a number of other dates to correspond:
  - Candidate filings
  - Election Notices

Recorder and Board of Supervisors formed a **Working Group** to focus on the following areas:

1. **Staffing**
   - Goal: Ensure Elections Department is properly staffed
2. **Technology**
   - Goal: State-of-the-art elections in Maricopa County
3. **Structure**
   - Goal: Improve voter trust in elections

Overall Goal: Improve the Maricopa County Voter Experience

- Staffing (in Budget)
  - 26 new Elections Staff
    - 10 Recorder's by Statute
    - 16 Election Department by Statute
  - 2 new Communications staff
  - 1 new GIS staff

- Technology
  - New tabulation equipment for 2020 Elections
  - Improved ballot design using ovals

- Structure
  - Co-Directors of Elections

Panel #1: Community Partners

Roundtable Series Two Hosts

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Hispanic American Roundtable

Top Discussion Topics:

- New Primary Date to the first Tuesday in August (SB1154) changes the election timeline to earlier in the year.

- Graphics and information from the Recorder's Office needs to be plain enough to be shared by all groups.

Top Discussion Topics:

- SB1072 now requires ID at early voting. Students do not always have proper proof of ID. MCRO will work to develop student specific communications about ID.

- August 4 Primary, means ballots mail before school starts. Information about the Primary is going to have to be discussed in the Spring Semester.

African American Roundtable

Top Discussion Topics:

- ID at Early In-Person Voting (SB1072) changes the dynamic of the early voting period.

- For people concerned about proof of ID, PEVL is the only choice now.

- Voter Experience is a primary concern for in-person voting.

Disability Roundtable

Top Discussion Topics:

- New Accessible Voting Devices are being purchased for Maricopa County.

- It is key that the devices be made available for testing by disability community.

- Demo available today!

Top Discussion Topics:

- Modes of communication for Tribal Outreach varies dependent on tribe and location.

- MCRO and Tribal Governments need to share information about elections.

- MCRO needs to have open lines of communication with Tribal Voters.

Asian American/ Native Hawai'ian/ Pacific Islander Roundtable

Top Discussion Topics:

- Basic voting information needs to be shared more widely.

- For new citizens, learning how to vote is like learning another language, again!

- Trusted sources need to be carriers of basic voting information.

Panel #1 Q&A

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Intermission

We'll be back in a few minutes!

Panel #2: Maricopa County Elections Administrators

Q&A with Maricopa County Elections

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Election Day and Emergency Voting

Keely Varvel
Chief Deputy Recorder

Kristi Passarelli
Assistant Director of Elections
Services and Tabulations

Resources

Keñosha Skinner, Community Relations Coordinator

Roundtable Project Lead

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Resources: Maricopa.Vote

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Today 9:36 AM

Dear MICHAEL.
For upcoming 11-07-2017 election
BALLOT WAS RECEIVED AND WILL BE SENT FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION-WATCH FOR UPDATE NOTICE

Dear MICHAEL.
For upcoming 11-07-2017 election
BALLOT IS UNDERGOING SIGNATURE VERIFICATION- FINAL STATUS WILL BE SENT WHEN REVIEW IS COMPLETED

Dear MICHAEL.
For upcoming 11-07-2017 election
BALLOT PACKET WAS SIGNATURE VERIFIED AND YOUR BALLOT HAS BEEN SENT TO BE COUNTED

1. Take a tour of MCTEC:
   tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa

2. Become a Deputy Registrar:
   tinyurl.com/DRclass2019

3. Fill out an interest form:
   Getinvolved.Maricopa.Vote

THOSE "I VOTED" STICKERS AREN'T GOING TO HAND THEMSELVES OUT.

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ALL VOTING IS LOCAL

Please Complete the Survey!

https://bit.ly/2VjJqxq

Thank you!

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Thank you

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